ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

IN RE ACT 1103, PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH & MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA

AID ORDER # 2021-46

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS AND SETTING SCHEDULE FOR BRIEFING

On September 10, 2021, a hearing was held in this matter at the offices of the Arkansas Insurance Department. Participants were present both in person and by Zoom. Hearing Officer, Ellen Brantley, presided.

Petitioner was represented by counsel, Josh Ashley, Amie Wilcox (Zoom), Phil Perry (Zoom), Andrew Prins (Zoom), and Tyce Walters (Zoom).

The Arkansas Insurance Department, respondent, was represented by Booth Rand and Jim Brader.

Petitions to intervene were filed by the State of Arkansas, represented by Assistant Attorney General Amanda Lamb; Arkansas Pharmacy Association, represented by Marshall Wright (Zoom); Community HealthCenters of Arkansas, represented by Susan Jones and Lisa Weaver (Zoom); Arkansas Hospital Association, represented by Jodianne Tritt; and Baxter Regional Medical Center, represented by Nicole Vaccarella (Zoom).

The petitions to intervene were not opposed. Petitioner asked that the health entities, the Arkansas Pharmacy Association, the Community Health Centers, the Arkansas Hospital Association, and Baxter Regional Medical Center be required to file a joint brief. Due to the deadline for action on the petition, all briefing and any further hearings must be scheduled promptly.

It is hereby ordered that the petitions to intervene be granted; that the healthcare entities listed above file a joint brief, unless they request and are granted leave to file individual supplements.

It is further ordered that the Petitioners brief be filed by September 29, 2021, and the Respondents briefs be filed by October 8.

Date

ELLEN B. BRANTLEY

RETIRED CIRCUIT JUDGE